

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group III with corresponding Claims 12-20. Claims 1-10 (Group I) and Claim 11 (Group II) are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for these claims at a later date.

CONCLUSION

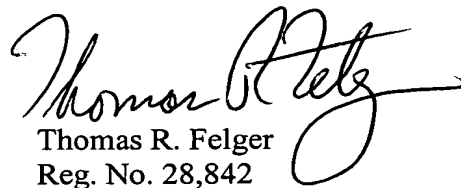
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants request that Group III with corresponding Claims 12-20 be examined and considered. Claims 1-11 are cancelled and withdrawn from consideration in the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer and are subject to the filing of a divisional application thereon. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

No fee appears to be due for this election, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2599.

Respectfully submitted,

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